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SUBJ: RHODESIAN THREATS TO CUT-OFF ZAMBIA'S ELECTRICITY

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1. ACCORDING TO A ZAMBIAN PRESS REPORT OF JUNE 9, THE RHODESIAN THREAT TO CUT OFF THE ELECTRICITY FROM KARIBA SOUTH IS AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT KARIBA SOUTHS POWER IS MORE VITAL TO RHODESIA THAN ZAMBIA. THE ARTICLE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT ZAMBIA'S SUPPLY FROM KARIBA SOUTH COULD BE CUT WITHOUT AFFECTING RHODESIA'S SUPPLY FROM THE SOURCE.

2. THE REPORT DOES HELP CLEAR UP ONE POINT RAISED IN REFTEL.
THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY PRODUCED IN ZAMBIA APPEARS TO BE SUFFICIENT
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TO MEET LOCAL DEMAND WITHOUT THE PURCHASE OF POWER FROM CENTRAL AFRICAN POWER (CAP),THE RHODESIAN/ZAMBIAN OWNED CORPORATION WHICH RUNS KARIBA SOUTH. THIS APPARENT DISPARITY BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND IS EXPLAINED BY THE ARTICLE'S REPORT THAT POWER GENERATED BY KAFUE GORGE IN ZAMBIA IS FIRST SOLD TO CENTRAL AFRICAN POWER AND THEN (BY IMPLICATION) RESOLD TO ZMBIAN CUSTOMERS. THUS, SUPPLY AND PRODUCTION FIGURES BOTH INCLUDE KAFUE POWER,

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